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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Matthew J. Ludwig

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: application filed 6/30/00.
2. Claims 1-12 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 5, and 9, are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kahn et al., USPN 6,360,236 filed (8/31/98) in view of Ferrel et al., USPN 5,860,073 filed (7/17/95).**

In reference to independent claim 1, Khan teaches:

A web page having a title selected in accordance with a pre-defined naming convention (the project view window is segmented into a plurality of regions: the menu bar; the project list, which may be adjusted to occupy areas of differing sizes on the display). See column 5, lines 20-30.

Titles and section names based on said title (The project name and modified files within the project name being modified and associated with the project name). See column 5, lines 40-45.

Altering pre-defined style attributes based on section name (The project list region includes four columns of information identified and the widths of the column may be adjusted using the mouse). See column 5, lines 31-35. The reference provides a means for altering the style attributes of a column within a specific section title.

The reference does not explicitly disclose a style sheet having pre-defined style attributes; however, Ferrel teaches a method of viewing titles through the utilization of pre-defined style sheets stored separately from the content. On each page are controls which contain instructions for gathering, formatting and displaying the linked content onto the page. See column 3, lines 38-43 and column 6, lines 60-67.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Khan and Ferrel before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the content title methods taught by Khan to include the style sheet techniques of Ferrel, because it would have provided the user with additional control over attributes of a content display and the added benefit of having an enhanced view of content over a network connection.

In reference to dependent claim 2, Khan teaches:

Reading in the value of the page title (if the files associated therewith have been modified, this is indicated by having the project name have an appearance which differs from non-modified files). See column 5, lines 40-47. The reference does not explicitly point out the utilization of *a value*; however, the modified files must provide a value for notification of changes made within the document. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified the updating methods of Khan to additionally provide a value for the updated and selected page.

In reference to dependent claim 3, Khan teaches:

A region of the page for linked text (The menu bar contains a plurality of virtual buttons, which facilitate modifying preferences). See column 5, lines 54-67.

A pre-defined style attributes is given text (The creator column identifies individuals who were primarily responsible for the creation of the project having a name in the column, and the creation data identifies the data the creators originated the project). See column 5, lines 48-53. The reference provides a proficient example of attributes of the creator column, which would have provided the user the date the project was created. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the attribute methods of Khan for providing the user linked methods of adding text to a document.

In reference to dependent claim 4, Khan teaches:

Applying a file of the style sheet to the web page (code for segmenting the display into a plurality of regions, displaying, in one of the regions, a document file having viewable information associated therewith). See column 2, lines 49-53. The reference does not explicitly disclose applying a file of the style sheet to the web page; however, Ferrel teaches a control that knows how to format a particular piece of content by looking at the style that has been defined for that content by the designer and then comparing that style to a linked style sheet. See column 7, lines 6-15. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Khan and Ferrel before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the content title methods taught by Khan to include the style sheet techniques of Ferrel, because it would have provided the user with additional control over attributes of a content display and the added benefit of having an enhanced view of content over a network connection.

In reference to claims 5-7, the claims reflect the system used for performing the methods as claimed in claims 1-4, and in further view of the following, is rejected along the same rationale.

In reference to independent claim 8, Khan teaches:

A web page having a title selected in accordance with a pre-defined naming convention (the project view window is segmented into a plurality of regions: the menu bar; the project list, which may be adjusted to occupy areas of differing sizes on the display). See column 5, lines 20-30.

Titles and section names based on said title (The project name and modified files within the project name being modified and associated with the project name). See column 5, lines 40-45.

Altering pre-defined style attributes based on section name (The project list region includes four columns of information identified and the widths of the column may be adjusted using the mouse). See column 5, lines 31-35. The reference provides a means for altering the style attributes of a column within a specific section title.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Khan and Ferrel before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the content title methods taught by Khan to include the style sheet techniques of Ferrel, because it would have provided the user with additional control over attributes of a content display and the added benefit of having an enhanced view of content over a network connection.

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In reference to claims 9-12, the claims reflect the program storage device readable by machine comprising computer readable instructions used for performing the methods as claimed in claims 1-4, respectfully, and in further view of the following, is rejected along the same rationale.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ferrel et al.	USPN 5,878,421	filed (7/17/95)
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Burrows	USPN 6,021,409	filed (9/8/98)
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 703-305-8043.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 703-308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4700.

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November 12, 2003


STEPHEN S. HONG
PRIMARY EXAMINER